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SUBJ: MISSING CORRESPONDENTS: MOREAU AND TODD

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1. NEWSWEEK HONG KONG BUREAU CHIEF LOREN JENKINS, NOW IN SAIGON, TOLD EMBASSY PRESS ASSISTANT TODAY THAT HIS CORRESPONDENT RON MOREAU AND OLIVIER TODD OF NOUVELLE OBSERVATEUR, PARIS, ARE APPARENTLY STILL IN VC CONTROLLED BASE AREA IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE. BOTH JOURNALISTS WERE REPORTED ENTERING VC TERRITORY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 BY AN XUYEN PROVINCE CHIEF WHO TOLD AN XUYEN VICE- CONSUL HE INTENDED TO CONFISCATE THEIR EXPOSED FILM AND NOTES UPON THEIR RETURN.

2. BUREAU CHIEF JENKINS SAID HE HAD INFORMED NEWSWEEK'S NEW YORK OFFICE OF MOREAU'S AND TODD'S ABSENCE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL 21 BECAUSE MOREAU HAD PLANNED TO SPEND AT LEAST THREE DAYS WITH THE VC BEFORE HE DEPARTED SAIGON FOR THE DALTA ON APRIL 15.

3. JENKINS PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN THE JOURNALISTS RETURN TO SAIGON. CONGEN CAN THO AWARE OF CASE AND WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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